

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2003

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Lancaster called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bud Jeffries, Bob Humiston, Pamela Lancaster, and Robert Rye. Dick Hartman was absent. Also present were representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. 7 Approve the manager's license for Killefer Chong Sook for Grand Island Saddle Club
2. 8 Approve the special designated license for Mid Nebraska Speedway
3. 15 Approve the Subdivision agreement for Lowry Subdivision
4. 23 Accept and place on file the office report from the public defender
5. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
6. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried

Surveyor Daniel Hostler was present and he introduced Jeff Palik the new County Engineer to the board members.

Mr. Palik stated that he was originally from Lincoln, Nebraska and had been working for Olssen & Associates. He passed his professional engineer's license that summer. He also has the highway superintendent degree. He was involved on the South Locust project when he worked for Olssen & Associates. He stated he is looking forward to working for the county.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

4 US FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE SCOTT ROSENTHAL – Jeffries stated that Mr. Rosenthal wanted to be her to address the board so he would like to come back to this item.

6 PLACE ON FILE TORT CLAIM FROM RHONDA HAWTHORNE – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to place on file the tort claim from Rhonda Hawthorne. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried

9 DISCUSSION REGARDING RECENT JAIL TOURS – Lancaster stated that February 21st tours Scott Arnold and Jim Eriksen toured the jail facilities in Kansas. Eriksen stated they met with Kitchel, who is the management firm for these facilities and they had a good discussion regarding the services and construction of the correctional facilities. He suggested that the long-range planning committee should meet and review the

information and come back to the board with a complete report. He stated that during this process, items have come forward that should be discussed and addressed in the RFP.

Arnold stated that these two facilities are similar facilities but have a different philosophy of how the inmates are managed. He has talked to Dave Arnold in the past on the direct supervision method. With this method of management there are cell pods and the pods open into a common area. The correction officers are in this common area with the inmates, even with this arrangement it is safe. The direct supervision method is a different atmosphere, it has strict rules and if the rules are violated the inmates go to maximum security. If there is damage to the facility the inmates are held responsible. These are beautiful facilities the Douglas County facility was designed to be located in the down town area. One thing they pointed out on the Kansas facilities was that the facilities draw economic development. After they were built the area around them was developed. They are community friendly facilities. They received a lot of good information and may want to take a more cautious approach to the method of management. If a jail facility is not conducive to improving the life of the inmates it is a disservice to the inmates and to the community. The board is scheduled to tour the Iowa facility this week and Arnold stated that he hopes everyone attends. I

Lancaster stated the long-range planning committee will need to meet weekly to get the changes done.

Eriksen stated that these were beautiful facilities and they would fit into any community. The facility in Olathe, Kansas was a complex located on 103 acres and the other facility was only 22 acres.

9:25 a.m. board of equalization meeting

9:35 a.m. recessed board of equalization meeting to hold the bid opening. The board will go back to the board of equalization meeting when the bids are opened.

5 9:35 BID OPENING FOR TRUCKS – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	CHASSIS	TRADE IN	NET COST	SIGN TRUCK	TRADE IN	NET COST
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER						
	59,315.00	11,000.00	48,315.00	57,207.00	1,500.00	55,707.00
NET COST BOTH TRUCKS \$103,522.00						
WICKS STERLINGTRUCK						
LT8511	59,315.00	8,750.00	53,103.00	56,703.00	3,600.00	53,103.00
MX6X4	61,109.00	8,750.00	52,359.00	56,703.00	3,600.00	53,103.00
NET COST BOTH TRUCKS LT8511 \$106,206.00 MX6X4 \$105,462.00						
PETERBILT MOTOR CO						
	63,587.00	10,000.00	53,587.00	59,934.00	5,500.00	54,434.00
NET COST BOTH TRUCKS \$108,021.00						
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL						
	66,511.44	11,000.00	55,511.44	59,504.16	5,500.00	54,004.16
NET COST BOTH TRUCKS \$109,000.00						

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and they will come back with a decision. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

9:45 A.M. BID OPENING FOR ANNUAL GRAVEL LETTING – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	PROJECT #1	PROJECT #2	PROJECT #3	PROJECT #4	PIT PRICE
LILLEY SAND BID BOND	NO BID	\$22,694.50	\$41,677.50	\$13,421.50	3.50 CU/YD
H&M EQUIP BID BOND	NO BID	\$18,997.50	NO BID	\$13,688.00	3.70 CU/YD
CENTRAL SAND CERTIFIED CHECK	\$23,247.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	2.95/TON
HOOKEBROS CERTIFIED CHECK	\$19,970.00	\$22,476.00	\$48,185.00	NO BID	2.80/TON
BRUNER SAND BID BOND	NO BID	NO BID	\$43,612.50	NO BID	3.50 CU/YD
ISLAND LAND BID BOND	\$20,262.50	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	2.85/TON
KE-BECK	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and they will come back today with a recommendation. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent for the vote. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT - Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka reminded the board members that she will be attending a HIPPA Seminar in Kearney on Friday and reminded them of the jail tour to Iowa on Friday. She also mentioned that the Public Defender will be having an open house today, from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. returned to the Board of Equalization meeting.

10:10 a.m. returned to regular session.

The public works committee met to review the bids for the trucks. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to accept the recommendation of the public works committee to purchase the chassis truck from Nebraska Truck Center for \$48,315.00 and to purchase the sign truck from Hansen International for \$54,004.16. The bid from Hansen International was the lowest bid from a local dealer. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent for the vote. Motion carried.

The public works committee reviewed the gravel bids. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to accept the bids from Hooker Brothers for Project #1 in the amount of \$19,970.00, accept the bid from H&M Equipment for Project #2 in the amount of \$18,997.50 and accept the bid from Lilley Sand & Gravel for Projects 3 & 4 in the amount of \$55,099.00. They will accept all of the pit prices from the bidders. Arnold,

Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent for the vote. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIM AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims. Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve all the claims as audited but to deny the claim for \$17.73 from the Adams County Sheriff and to deny the claim for \$15.00 and \$5.50 to the Lancaster County Sheriff. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent for the vote. Motion carried.

4 SCOTT ROSENTHAL – US FISH & WILDLIFE UPDATE ON TRAPPING – Jeffries stated that the county has a contract with US Fish & Wildlife for predator control. This is an annual cost of \$8,704.00. Jeffries stated that he has been working with Scott on a skunk problem and he does an excellent job and is very professional and humane.

Mr. Rosenthal stated that he would like to give updates to the counties regularly and is working with his supervisor to do this. He stated that he covers four counties and about 18,000 acres. Some counties have one predator problem but Hall County has beaver, coyotes and skunk problems. He has worked on everything from bats to snakes. Some of the cases are health and human safety issues.

Jeffries stated that he was contacted by a couple that lives in his area because of a skunk problem and he contacted Scott for help. Scott came down and set up three traps and over the last two weeks they have trapped two or three skunks every day. The people are very appreciative of Scott's help. Jeffries thanked Scott for his help and said he appreciates the updates.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Humiston – He attended the computer meeting, the Economic Development meeting, the audit committee meeting and the joint meeting with the city of Grand Island.

Eriksen – He stated he attended the meeting with the NRD relative to the Hall County Park and it was a good meeting. He attended the jail tour in Kansas and also the joint meeting with the City on Saturday.

Rye – He stated he attended the multi-cultural commission meeting, the computer meeting and the joint meeting with the city.

Jeffries – He attended the joint meeting with the city, the Stuhr board meeting and reported that the museum is having problems with mowing the museum grounds. He asked if the board would authorize him to see if the County Park could assist the museum with some of the mowing and also the snow removal. Jeffries will work on this and report back to the board. He stated that building and grounds would be starting on the window for the digital camera. This will take a couple of weeks. He reported that he attended the meeting at the park with the NRD and they were very cooperative about the whole thing. The board needs to make some decisions in the next two weeks on the camping spaces so the public will have the information as soon as possible.

Arnold – He stated he attended the computer committee meeting and the meeting at the park with NRD. He attended the jail tours and the joint meeting with the city.

Lancaster – She attended the criminal justice committee meeting with the sheriff and it was a long agenda. She also attended the computer meeting, the audit committee meeting and the joint city county meeting on Saturday. She reminded the board of the hearing on L656 that will be held on Wednesday. She will attend the jail tours on February 28th.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting will be March 11, 2003.

Marla J. Conley, Hall County Clerk

REMINDER: The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.